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The Hanging of the Crane.

BY HENRY W. LONGFELLOW.

"Pondre la Craniere!" to hang the Crane, is the French expression for a house warming or the first party in a new house.

I.

The lights are out, and gone are all the

guests.

That hanging came with merriment and

jest.

To celebrate the Hanging of the Crane

in the new house into the night are gone,

But still the fire upon the hearth burns on

And I alone remain.

Oh! fortunate, O happy day,

When a new household finds its place

Among the myriad homes of earth

Like a new star just sprung to birth

And rolled on its harmonious way

Into the boundless realms of space!

So said the guests in speech and song,

As in the chimney burning bright

We hung the Iron Crane to-night,

And merry was the feast and long.

II.

And now I muse on what may be,

And in my vision see, or seem to see,

Through floating vapors, interfused with

light,

Shaped indeterminate gleam and fade

As shadows passing into deeper shadows

Sink and elude the sight.

For two alone there in the hall

Spread the table round and small,

Upon the polished silver shine

The evening lamps, but more divine

The light of love shines over all:

Of love that says in speech and shine,

But ours, for ours is true and mine,

They want no guests to come between

Their tender glances, like a screen,

And tell them tales of land and sea,

And whatsoever may befall

The great forgotten world outside.

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III.

The picture fades, as at a village fair

A showman's vision dissolves into the air,

To reappear transfused on the screen,

So in my fancy this, and now once more

In part transfused, through the open door

Appears the same scene.

Seated, I see the two again,

But not alone; they entertain

A little angel unaware

With face as round as the moon:

A royal guest with flaxen hair

Who, throned upon his lofty chair,

Drums on the table with his spoon,

Then drops it careless upon the floor

To grasp at things he sees before.

Are these celestial men?

These faces that win the arts that please!

Ah, yes, consider well the guest.

And whether he be seen or best:

He rules by the right divine

Of happiness, so lately born

In purple chambers of the morn,

As sovereign over these and shine,

He speaks not, and yet there lies

A conversation in his eyes:

The golden alliance of the Greek,

The gravest wisdom of the wise,

Not spoken in language, but in looks

More legible than printed books.

As if he could but would not speak.

IV.

As one who walking in a forest sees

A lovely landscape through the parted trees,

Then see the moon sometimes revealed

Through drifting clouds and then again con-

cealed.

So I beheld the scene.

There are two guests at table now—

The King, deposed and elder grown—

No longer occupies the throne—

The crown is on his sister's brow,

A Princess from the fairy tales,

The very pattern girl of girls.

All covered and embowered in curls,

Rose-tinted from the cheek to brow,

And sailing with soft silken sails

From far off dreamland into ours,

Above there bows with rim of blue

Four azure eyes deeper than

Blue.

Are looking, dreamy with delight;

Limpid as planets that emerge

Above the ocean's tender gleams

Soft shining through the summer night.

Steadfast they gaze, yet nothing see

Beyond the horizon of their bowls

Not care they for the world that rolls

With all its freight of troubled souls

Into the days that are to be.

V.

Again the tongs brought shut the scene

Again the drifting vapors intervene

And the moon's pallid disk is hidden quite

And now I see the table wider grown

As round a pebble into water thrown

Dilates a ring of deeper blue

Four azure eyes deeper than

Blue.

I see the table wider grown

I see it garlanded with guests,

As if fair Ariadne's crown

Out of the sky had fallen down:

Maidens with whose tender gleams

A thousand restless hopes and fears

Forth reaching to the coming years

Flutter awhile, then deeper lie

Like timid birds that vain would fly

And do not dare to leave their nests—

And youths who in their strength elate

Challenge the vast, ungodly fate,

Eager as champions to be

In the divine knight-errantry

Of youth that travels sea and land

Seeking adventures, or pursue

Through cities or through solitudes

Frequented by the lyric muse.

The phantom with the beckoning hand

That still allures and still eludes,

O sweet illusions of the brain!

O sudden thrills of fire and frost!

The world is bright while ye remain

And dark and dead when ye are lost!

VI.

The meadow-brook that seemeth to stand still

Quickens its current as it nears the mill,

And so the stream of time, that ingers

In level places and so still appears,

Runs with a swift current as it nears

The gloomy mills of Death.

And now like the magician's scroll

That in the owner's keeping shrinks,

On battle-fields, where thousands bleed

To lift one hero into fame,

Till the last wish consumes the whole,

The table dwindles, and again

Are the two alone remain.

The crown of stars is broken in parts;

Its jewels, brighter than the day,

Have one by one been stolen away,

And trembles with a secret dread,

Like the house of life and light,

It is the golden wedding day.

The guests come thronging in once more,

Quick footsteps sound along the floor,

AN ENCOUNTER WITH AN INTERVIEWER.

BY MARK TWAIN.

The nervous, dapper, "pearl" young

man took the chair I offered him, and

said he was connected with "The Daily

Thunderstorm," and added—

"Hoping it's no harm, I've come to

interview you."

"Come to what?"

"Interview you."

"Ah! I see—yes—yes. Um! Yes—

yes."

I was not feeling bright that morn-

ing. Indeed, my powers seemed a bit

under a cloud. However, I went to the

book-case, and, when I had been look-

ing six or seven minutes, I found I was

obliged to refer to the young man. I

said—

"How do you spell it?"

"Spell what?"

"Interview."

"Oh, my goodness! What do you

want to spell it for?"

"I don't want to spell it; I want to

see what it means."

"Well, this is astonishing. I must

say—I can tell you what it means, if

you—if you—"

"Oh, all right! That will answer,

and much obliged to you, too."

"In, in, in, in, in, in, in, in, in, in,

THE LOUISIANA BOARD.

In another place will be found some of the opinions entertained and expressed by prominent republicans, on previous occasions, of the men who now compose what is called the Returning Board of Louisiana—a sort of infernal machine made up of thieves and rascals and kept for the purpose of cheating republicans into office and counting democrats out. According to these reports there is not one of these men who ought not now to be in quiet and peaceable possession of a place in the chain gang. This opinion Banditti Sheridan, whose views ought to have some weight with the radicals, because of his favorable opportunities to know what he says, and because he is the meanest and most conscienceless radical in the whole gang, did not hesitate, with the usual bluntness of a soldier (Grant's apologies for his insolence) to express in unqualified and unmistakable language, especially in regard to Wells, the president of said Returning Board. We commend these opinions to our republican readers, and suggest that they give them a most careful perusal, that they may know something of the character of the creatures by whom the electoral vote of Louisiana has been "counted" for Hayes, and in whose decisions we are asked to acquiesce.

THE POLITICAL MUDDLE.

The heterogeneous commingling of muddled politics continues about as it was—only a little more so. Both parties confidently and positively claim the election of their candidates. Charges and counter charges of fraud and intimidation; criminalizations and re-criminalizations are freely and glibly made; and nobody knows any more to-day who is to sway the government of "this great nation" after Mr. Grant's term expires next Spring than they did when the sun went down on the Seventh of November. The chairman of both national committees have issued proclamations announcing, the one the election of Tilden and Hendricks, the other the election of Hayes and Wheeler. Therefore we are to have two presidents and two vice-presidents, and probably after next March will have two Senates and two Houses of Representatives—unless some way is found of settling the present big quarrel. If we take up democratic papers we read that no one of common sense denies or doubts but that Tilden was fairly and honestly elected; if we take republican papers we read that "it is conceded" that Hayes received a majority of the electoral votes and is therefore elected. So it goes. In the meantime both houses of Congress have sent committees to investigate the election returns in Louisiana, Florida and South Carolina, and the *modus operandi* by which the electoral votes of those States were given to the republican candidates, and everybody is awaiting with great anxiety the result of those investigations and the report of those committees as the final settlement of the difficulty. Those committees are at the capitals of those States, hard at work examining papers and questioning witnesses. In Florida they have thus far met with little difficulty and no great developments are yet made. In Louisiana the Returning Board denies their jurisdiction and is throwing every impediment in their way to prevent, if possible, an examination of their proceedings as their tricks whereby the 9000 majority of the democrats was turned into a 4000 majority for the republicans. In South Carolina, while the Congressional committee does not have the same trouble that it does in Louisiana, it meets with many impediments in its efforts to arrive at the truth and some very wholesome disclosures are expected to be made before they get through.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11TH.

SENATE.—Mr. Boggs, of Mo., asked leave to have the report of the democrats who witnessed the counting of the votes by the Louisiana Returning Board printed. Of course objection was made by the republicans, but finally at the suggestion of Senator Conkling, it was agreed that the report should be printed with a petition of several democrats, and in that way it could be printed. The House appropriated a bill of \$20,000 to pay the expenses of the Southern Investigating Committee, with an amendment for \$50,000 for the Senate committee, was passed. Mr. Bayard, of Del., submitted a resolution of inquiry into the number of deputy U. S. Marshals employed in the recent elections. A petition from Gen. Jos. E. Johnston asking the removal of his political disabilities, was presented.

HOUSE.—Mr. Eames, of R. I., introduced a bill to reduce letter postage to 2 cents, and Mr. Hunter, of Ind., one for the coinage of silver dollars to be legal tenders for all debts, public and private. Mr. Bauning, of Ohio, asked consent to offer a resolution reciting the enormities passed by J. Madison Wells, president of the Louisiana Returning Board, by Senator Sherman, and calling on the President for information as to why the said Wells was removed from the governorship of Louisiana by Gen. Sheridan in 1867, with Sheridan's report made at the time (see extract in another column). This the republicans objected to at once, of course, as such a resolution might bring up some rather unpleasant, and just now unprofitable, information, which might have a bad effect on the result in Louisiana. The democrats tried to pass it on a suspension of the rules but failed.

to get the requisite two-thirds of the vote in its favor. On motion of S. S. Cox, a committee of five was appointed to inquire into election frauds in New York, Philadelphia, Brooklyn and Jersey City.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH.

SENATE.—Mr. Bayard's resolution of inquiry as to the number of Deputy Marshals employed in the November election, and the length of time they were employed, was adopted, with an amendment offered by Mr. Edmunds, directing the Attorney General to state the causes for their employment, and the nature of the duties they were to perform. Mr. Boggs, of Mo., presented a memorial embodying the report of the Democratic Committee which witnessed the canvass in Louisiana, and it was ordered to be printed.

HOUSE.—Mr. Blair, of New York, introduced a constitutional amendment forbidding the manufacture and sale of distilled liquors as a beverage after the year 1900. Referred. Mr. Bland, of Missouri demanded the resumption of business under the Twenty-first joint rule, whereupon the Speaker caused the rules to be read, and decided that under the unfinished business of the last hours of the last session must have precedence. Objection was made by the republicans that the joint rules were no longer in force, and a long debate followed. When it closed the House proceeded to the business of the last session under the Speaker's ruling, and the Bland bill for the resumption of silver came up. The Speaker appointed the committee on education, and other cities, with Mr. Cox as chairman.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH.

SENATE.—Mr. Mitchell's resolution for the investigation of the Oregon Electoral muddle was discussed and Mr. Bayard offered a substitute for the preamble. The consideration of the constitutional amendment, providing that the Electoral vote shall be counted by the Supreme Court, was resumed, and a vote being taken, the proposition was rejected—yeas 14, nays 31. Mr. Edmunds gave notice that he would move to take up, on Monday, the bill to regulate the counting of votes for President and Vice President, and provide for the decision of questions arising thereon, which was passed last session, but is still before the Senate on a motion to reconsider.

HOUSE.—The bill to organize the Territory of Oklahoma, which was the special order of the day, was made the order for the third Tuesday of January. The bill for the resumption of silver, known as the Bland bill, was passed—yeas 167, nays 53.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH.

SENATE.—The resolution to print the message of the President and accompanying documents in Louisiana led to a long political debate, the republican Senators denouncing the conduct of the returning board and the democratic Senators denouncing the conduct of the returning board. It was finally agreed to print the papers, which are to be accompanied with the statement of the democratic committee which witnessed the count in New Orleans.

HOUSE.—A resolution was reported from the committee on education, and adopted without division, providing for the appointment of a committee of seven members to act in conjunction with such committees as the Senate may designate to arrange some method by which the electoral vote shall be counted by a tribunal in whose judgment all will acquiesce and accept as final. In addition a resolution was also adopted providing for the appointment of seven members, whose duty it shall be to inquire into and report to the House its rights, privileges, prerogatives in counting the electoral vote. A bill was adopted appropriating \$20,000 to pay the expenses of the messengers who bring the electoral votes of their several States to Washington. The amount allowed each is 25 cents a mile, allowing for one way only. The House then took up the post-office appropriation bill, which appropriates \$32,933,125. A number of amendments were voted down, but without final action on the bill the House adjourned.

COLLEGE WISDOM.

College boys are generally full of fun and have a keen appreciation of the weaknesses and follies not only of each other, but of boys of a larger growth. This quality some of them preserve through life. An instance in point: The Alumni Association of Yale College lately held an annual thanksgiving jubilee, at which W. C. Sullivan, of the class of 1870, delivered what is facetiously called the "sermon," saying that as some time had passed since the aggregate body before him had been born, he would briefly and generally review the meritorious which have been accorded to Yale College during the past 1876 years and give thanks for all. Asking what there was in the recent history of Yale graduates to be thankful for, the sermonizer answered himself by saying: "Not much, but what has been done was good; we furnished Mr. Beecher with a goodly number of converts, so that a ragged old man, who was a man hater, [Laughter.] Then we have set up a pretty good sort of a man for President of the United States. To be sure, he didn't graduate; but if he had, what a man he would have been. He isn't an able man, nor a brilliant man, nor an eminent man, nor a financier, nor a diplomat, nor a statesman, nor anything of that sort. But he's good. [Derisive laughter.] He isn't elected, but he is likely to live on board wages at the White House for the next four years. We don't expect him to do much but then we ought to be thankful for even little things. [Laughter.] Then there's the Chamberlain. [Derisive cheers.] He's sunny, but he's amazingly deep. And he's good! [Laughter.] He doesn't say much, but he's quietly working away reorganizing South Carolina and electing Tilden. [Laughter and cheers.] Then there's White, quietly weighing the scales of justice; and Taft, peddling out opinions; and a lot more standing about in government circles with their hands in somebody else's pockets. [Up- roarious laughter.] They are not doing much."

At Petrolia, Pa., Sunday afternoon, a wagon load of nitro glycerine—about 600 pounds—exploded, tearing wagon and horses to "shreds," and killing two men named Smith and Humphreys, and was unloading the wagon.

There was a fall of snow in the Atlantic States early Saturday morning, the wind was very severe and the temperature fell at many points to zero, and at others chiefly West and North, to from 5 to 38 degrees below.

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THE NETHERLANDS AND THEIR COLONIES.

The Netherlands or Low Countries were once nothing but flat marshes, and dreary forests liable at all times to be overflowed by the sea, until the commencement of the christian era. Until then it was but poorly and thinly settled by German emigrants, who lived in miserable huts built on piles which were frequently washed away by the sea, and indeed whole forests were laid low by this element. The rites of Druidism were observed as the only religion, and as time rolled on agriculture was taken up, the lands redeemed, corn and cattle were raised, and the people consisted of two classes, chiefs and slaves. Enlightenment came gradually, and christianity had taken a firm hold of the people upon the reign of the Burgundians. In the sixteenth century the country was divided into duchies, counties and cities, and at the end of the fifteenth century, one city alone had four thousand looms, and another fifty thousand weavers. About this time Van Dyck invented the beautiful oil colors for which the Flemish school is renowned; history, poetry, learning were cultivated, and the University of Louvain was the most celebrated in Europe. Though for centuries the Netherlands have been the field of many a battle, through insurrection, incursion and otherwise, she stands to the front to-day in our exhibition, and is in no way inferior to her neighbors, as regards education, painting and manufacture. Belgium sends her magnificent lace in curtains, dress, edgings and other articles; the most celebrated of lace flowers, &c., whose prices are something fabulous, are shown. A lovely lace dress over blossom colored silk was most admired. A magnificent black lace shawl valued at \$1480.00 is to be seen here, also a white one at \$856.00. Some lace floating at \$136.00 which had lace flowers in raised work on it. A lovely fan in rare lace is shown and valued at \$156.00. Just next to the display of lace, are the fans, boots and other articles of utility, for to tell the truth guns nowadays must come under that head, for it seems that nothing can be done now without guns, even to the assembly of our national congress. But when people put a military figure-head at the head of the government, they must expect to have everything done in military style, even to counting the votes in Florida village, and holding an innquest over a pigsticking found in a creek. It is very strange that our western settlers and even soldiers are butchered daily by Indians, who are "treated" with and supplied with rations to keep them in good humor and fighting trim; and the cry is there is not troops enough to subdue them! yet the whole South has been over-run by soldiers to superintend the voting. No matter how many women's' dresses hang from the bolts of Sioux, so the voting is done the right way; this is a digression, but will be pardoned on account of the state of the country. Belgium sends any quantity of linens, in damasks, canvases, and other strong material. Some splendid blankets are exhibited; a large display of brushes are seen. Braids for the hair are shown but indifferent in quality and short in length.

Sewing machines are exhibited, but inferior in every way to our own. A monstrous case of velvetens of every shade of the different colors, arranged in a sort of triangle form, is regarded by some as something beautiful. This reminds me of a little story, as old Abe would say: An invalid friend of mine, in her only visit to the Centennial, told the rolling-chair man that she wished him to show her all the most notable and interesting things. He quickly led her to these velvetens, and in the voice of an orator said, "See them? they're all welwets." He next took her to the display of a Philadelphia drug firm saying, "See them? here pillows? them's all alum." Belgium has a large display of cassimere, shawls and dress goods, but of ordinary material. Fancy soaps form part of her display. A pavilion for the display of Spa water attracted much attention; around this are views in oil of the most attractive scenery of Belgium and Belgium Spa. This is the oldest, most celebrated, and richest in iron in the world, and attracts crowds from all parts of the globe. Window glass of immense size is shown, also quantities of glassware, such as goblets, decanters, &c. Magnificent marble vases in the Medicis style, and rouge rials, are greatly admired and are marked \$70 and upwards. Some beautiful clocks in ebony are shown. A unique piece of wood is exhibited, the nucleus of which contain basso relievo pictures from the Bible, one being the flight into Egypt; the marriage of Mary and Joseph, and others. Handsome square and oval mirrors are shown, also Mosaic marble table. Beautiful Spa wood boxes, painted by hand and cheap in price, are displayed. A beautiful oil relief picture in wood of Christ and his Apostles was exhibited. In the evening, a long very fine. A case of exhibits, showing a patent system of bleaching and dyeing shawls, &c., attracted attention by its simplicity. Near this was a case of magnificent church vestments, most of which have been purchased by bishops and priests of the Catholic churches of this country. One piece, an albe of exquisite workmanship, was bought by Bishop Wood, of this city, for \$300; another of garnet and silver was bought by the Most Rev. N. J. Perche, archbishop of New Orleans; two others, \$170 and \$180, also by Bishop Wood. Some carved wood tables and sideboards with game carved on the doors, are shown, also door with grapes and leaves. Some handsome Moorish flooring is also shown. A handsome display of tapestries are exhibited by Belgium, one in particular being a fishing scene, and another a portrait of Peter Paul Rubens, both equal to oil paintings. This article does not include Holland and the Colonies, which will appear in a future number.

While writing on the Exhibition, I may be justified in referring again to the beautiful oil head in butter which attracted such crowds in the Women's Pavilion and afterwards in the Art Gallery. We were favored with an invitation to a private view of this lovely creation, on Saturday evening, and I presented with a volume of the poem

from which it was taken, which the indefatigable artist has published from the Danish of Henric Hertz. She has her exquisite oil relief picture of the Dreaming Iolanthe on exhibition at 1302 Chestnut street where she expects to be for some time, to give those a chance to see it who failed to see it on the Centennial. On account of some "old fogies" she did not receive a premium. Perhaps it is just as well she did not, for it stands now on an even par with the in the opinion of both artists and connoisseurs a work of art. At any rate the honors were scattered so promiscuously that a true artist could not feel it to be any great honor to receive either medal or premium. All who frequented the Art Gallery no doubt remember the terrible thing in the rounds—an eagle with Washington on its back. Bayard Taylor, in his "Notes" calls it a monstrous. I suppose by the prominent place it occupied it is considered a work of art, because it was plaster, but I was in hopes it would fall down, collapse or be stolen, but it stood there in spite of all wishes to the contrary. Mrs. Brooks, the artist of the butter head, has the book of "Iolanthe" for sale, and it can be procured where the also relieve on exhibition for twenty-five cents. All who have not seen this should not miss the last opportunity. Mrs. Brooks has had offers to be sent to Rome for instructions in sculpture, but her family ties are such that she cannot accept the generous offer.

THE OREGON MUDDLE.

Governor Grover's Explanation—He Did His Whole Duty Under His.

A despatch from Governor Grover, of Oregon to the New York Herald, is as follows:—

"At your request I give some of the grounds of my action in granting certificates to electors in Oregon. The laws of Oregon require the Governor to grant certificates to electors duly elected. In taking his oath of office the Governor is sworn to support the Constitution of the United States and of this State. In the election of President and Vice President the Constitution of the United States is the paramount law. That instrument declares that no person holding an office of trust or profit under the United States shall be appointed an elector. John W. Watts, one of the electors voted for in Oregon, was on the 7th day of November holding an office of trust and profit under the United States, and holding an interest in the Fayette, the county of Ramhill county, and had held that office for more than three years. Many more than the number of voters constituting his majority had actually passed in and out of his office on official business. His official character was generally known, and was mentioned during the political discussions of the canvass. The law was known and the fact was known, and the electors were disqualified by a protest was filed in the Executive office, by prominent citizens, objecting to the issuance of a certificate to Watts, as a person disqualified, accompanied by proof of this disqualification, and demanding that the same issue to the eligible person having the next highest number of votes. A reply was filed, objecting to anything but a count of the votes, and certificates on the count, and making no mention of the disqualification. It was ruled, in the case, that where the objection to an applicant's right to receive a certificate rests upon the ground that a constitutional prohibition is interposed, the Governor, acting under oath to support the Constitution, is bound to entertain and determine the question; not only that, but to determine in such a way as to enforce the constitutional mandate to the extent of his executive authority. It was also held that the law and the fact, being well known, the votes cast for the ineligible candidate cannot be counted for any purpose, and the eligible candidate having the next highest number of votes was duly elected. The ruling was based upon standard authorities, such as Cushing and Grant; the decisions of many courts, like the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals of New York; the later uniform practice in the United States House of Representatives; and the great weight of English authorities, both Parliamentary and judicial.

"The law of Oregon providing for filling vacancies in the Electoral College recognizes a vacancy only in cases where there has been an incumbent and such incumbent has died, refused to act, neglected to attend, or is otherwise absent. In this case there was no incumbent, unless the next highest candidate should have been elected, and there was no vacancy which could be filled by the other members of the Electoral College. The next highest candidate eligible under the Constitution of the United States was, therefore, certified to be duly elected. L. F. GROVER, Governor of Oregon."

For the Middletown Transcript.

How rapidly has temperance increased within the last few years and spread its influence over all the world. Instances of temperance are daily decreasing, and we are constantly hearing and seeing the reformations which are effected by the installation of temperance principles. Till within a short period the use of ardent spirits was so common that it was used in every family from the richest to the poorest. From the most religious man down to the most degraded victim of its brutalizing influence, without compunction. Indeed it was considered almost if not entirely as essential to life as bread and meat. 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Humorous.

YANKEE TRADING.—A certain farmer, who in the course of a year purchased a hundred dollars worth of goods, (and always paid for them,) called at the store of a village merchant, his regular place of dealing, with two dozen brooms, which he offered for sale. The merchant, who, by the way, is fond of a good bargain, examined his stock, and said:

"Well, Cyrus, I will give you a shilling apiece for these brooms."

Cyrus appeared astonished at the offer, and quickly replied:

"Oh, no, John, I can't begin to take that for 'em, no how, but I'll let you have 'em for twenty cents apiece, and not a cent less."

"Cyrus, you are crazy," replied John. "Why, see here," showing a fine lot of brooms, "is an article a great deal better than yours, (which was not true,) that I am retailing at twelve and a half cents apiece," (which was not true by seven and a half cents.)

"I don't care for that," answered Cyrus: "your brooms are cheap enough, but you can't have mine for less than twenty cents, no how," and, pretending to be more than half angry, shouldered his brooms and started for the door.

The merchant, getting a little nervous over the probable loss of a good customer, and fearing he might go to some other store and never return, said: "See here, Cyrus, hold on a while. If I give you twenty cents for your brooms, I suppose you will not object to take the price of them in goods?"

"No, I don't care if I do," replied Cyrus.

"Well, then," said the merchant, "as you are an old customer, I will allow you twenty cents a piece for this lot. Let me see—twenty times twenty-four make just four hundred and eighty—yes, four dollars and eighty cents." "What kind of goods will you have, Cyrus?"

"Well, now, John, I reckon it don't make any difference to you what kind of goods I take, does it?"

"Oh, no, not at all," said the merchant.

"Well, then, as it don't make any difference to you, I'll take the amount in them brooms of yours, at twelve and a half cents apiece. Let me see—four dollars and eighty cents will get thirty-eight brooms and five cents over. It don't make any difference, John, about the five cents, but as you are a right clever fellow, I will take the change in backer."

Miss Stokes considers work very un-ladylike, and kitchen work "perfectly shocking." But when an industrious and sensible young man began to occasionally drop in and spend an evening, she very wisely refrained from expressing these convictions, after hearing him on several occasions severely denounce the frivolity and indolence so fashionable at present with many of the young ladies of Philadelphia.

Entertaining a high regard for the young man, she determined to surprise him by some great feat of her industry and perseverance, and last evening as they were seated together on the parlor sofa, after the conversation had begun to flag, she artfully allowed a sigh to escape her.

"Are you unwell?" he tenderly inquired.

"No, I am quite well."

"But you sighed," he persisted.

"Yes; but I suppose it was because I felt so tired."

"Have you been busy?"

"Oh! yes, indeed," was the reply. "Why, would you believe it? I cut out a towel and made it all by myself to-day."

There has been a coolness between the parties ever since, the reason of which she has never been fully able to explain, but she angrily remarked the next morning, that some men were foolish enough to imagine that a woman ought to be able to do more work than a fifty-horse-power engine.

The following dialogue recently occurred in one of our rural justice's courts:

"Do you know the prisoner, Mr. Jones?"

"Yes, to the bone."

"What is his character?"

"Didn't know he had any."

"Does he live near you?"

"So near that he has spent only five shillings for fire-wood in eight years."

"Did he ever come in collision with you in any matter?"

"Only once, and then he was drunk, and mistook me for a lamp post."

"From what you know of him, would you believe him under oath?"

"That depends upon circumstances. If he was so much intoxicated that he did not know what he was saying, I would;—if not, I wouldn't."

Some of the hotels have bills of fare with a fly leaf covered with odds of various business houses. An Oregon man recently took his seat behind one of them, when a waiter appeared with "What will you have sir?" To the utter confusion of the waiter he remarked: "You may fetch me a new set of teeth, in gutta serena; an improved sewing machine with patent lockstitch; a box of Brandreth's pills; and a pair of number seven French calf skin boots." In a moment the waiter replied: "We do not furnish those articles."

"Then what have you got it on the bill of fare for?" retorted the customer.

A PIGEON ROOST.

A Southland (Mo.) paper describes the pigeon roost there this year as follows: Pigeons have come into this part of the country by millions. Of evening the sky is darkened with them in the neighborhood of Dr. Dodson's, on the Auglaize. They have made Dodson's farm their headquarters, and at night the trees and underbrush are loaded down with multitudes. As this roost is but a short distance from our house we have had ample opportunity to watch their maneuvers, and to hear the incessant noise they make. A little before sundown large armies of pigeons are seen coming from different points of the compass, but each army passes onward as if they intended to change their roosting place. After awhile they return and settle on the trees around the roost, not many of them nearer than a mile of the place. They make sudden flights from these trees, and the sound of their wings is like that of a great storm. There is a constant roaring in the air as myriads of the birds fly to and fro. About dark they fly toward the roost, and for a long time they fly round and round, and have the appearance of bees swarming, although the vast number and tornado-like roaring they make surpasses anything in the power of man to describe. After a while they alight on the trees and bushes, and the limbs are bent downward, often are broken off. The pigeons keep up a constant chattering which can be heard for miles away. They are never still during the night. So far as sleep is concerned, such a thing is out of the question with a pigeon. They are disturbed by themselves, such throngs assembling in a spot that none can be still for a moment and the incessant discharging of firearms among them causes them to change their location almost constantly. This roost is visited every night by crowds of men, some with guns and others with poles, which they use in thrashing down the pigeons that happen to be at the point struck. Hundreds are killed every night; but when light appears the vast armies again go forth with apparently as much vigor as ever. Pigeons have been killed in New York with undigested rice in their crops, which they had evidently gathered in the ricefields of the Carolinas. From these and other circumstances it has been estimated that a pigeon flies at the rate of a mile a minute. Imagine, then, millions upon millions of these birds, all on the wing at the same time, over a scope of country not more than two miles square, and a faint idea of the noise they make may be obtained. But no one can ever fully imagine what a pigeon roost is or how much noise they make until one is seen and heard. There is an abundance of most here now, and we suppose the pigeons will remain here until it is all gone. One curious circumstance is that in the neighborhood of this pigeon roost we never see a pigeon from the time they leave in the morning until they return in the evening. They are not eating the mast here at all, but somewhere they are all feasting luxuriously, for they are all fat.

A THRILLING STORY.

Says a writer: It was at a military review, held in Vienna, on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the military Order of Maria Theresa.

Not far from thirty thousand cavalry were in line. A little child—a girl—of not more than four years, standing in the front row of spectators, either from fright or some other cause, rushed out into the open field just as a squadron of Hussars came sweeping around from the main body. They had made the detour for the purpose of saluting the empress, whose carriage was drawn up in that part of the parade ground. Down came the flying squadron, charging at a mad gallop—down directly upon the child. The mother was paralyzed, as were others, for there could be no rescue from the line of spectators. The empress uttered a cry of horror, for the child's destruction seemed inevitable—and such terrible destruction—the tramping to death by a thousand iron hoofs!

Directly under the feet of the horses was the little one—another instant must seal its doom—when a stalwart Hussar, who was in the front line, without slackening his speed or loosening his hold, threw himself over by the side of his horse's neck, seized and lifted the child and placed it in safety upon his saddle bow; and this he did without changing his pace, or breaking the correct alignment of the squadron.

Ten thousand voices hailed with rapturous applause the gallant deed, and other thousands applauded when they knew. Two women there were who could only sob forth their gratitude in broken accents—the mother and the empress.

And a proud and happy moment must it have been for the Hussar when his emperor, taking from his own breast the richly enameled cross of the Order of Maria Theresa, hung it upon the breast of his brave and gallant trooper.

A touching story is told by the Lynchburg News: "Not a thousand miles from Richmond a wife lay in a dying condition. Having brought up a clever orphan girl, who was grown, the dying called the young woman to her and said: 'I will soon leave you my little children motherless. They know you and love you, and after I am gone I want you and my husband to marry.' The young woman, bursting into tears, said: 'We were just talking about that.'"

The gold yield of California this year is estimated at \$20,000,000.

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KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

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I. O. O. F.
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On and after Monday, NOV. 27th, 1876, (Sundays excepted), Trains will leave as follows:

Passenger, Mixed.

A. M. P. M. P. M.

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9:45 6:50

10:55 8:00

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